

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4043–S4132

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 709–717 and S. Res. 85. Page S4106

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 717, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act.

Supplemental Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of S. 672, making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S4043–S4104

Adopted:

Stevens (for Byrd) Amendment No. 140, to modify eligibility for emergency rail assistance funds.

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Stevens Amendment No. 208, to prohibit the use of funds made available in Public Law 104–208 for assistance to Uruguay unless the Secretary of State certifies to the Committees on Appropriations that all cases involving seizure of United States business assets have been resolved.

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By 89 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 58), D'Amato Amendment No. 145, to rescind certain Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) funds, and extend the transition period for aliens receiving SSI funds.

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Hollings Amendment No. 231, to specify that none of the funds made available in any appropriations Act for fiscal year 1997 may be used by the Department of Commerce for the use of sampling data in the next census for purposes of the apportionment of Representatives in Congress.

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Feingold Amendment No. 83, to prohibit the use of funds for operations or activities of the Armed Forces relating to Bosnia ground deployment after September 30, 1997.

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Hutchison Amendment No. 177 (to Amendment No. 83), to change the date for prohibition of the use of funds to June 30, 1998.

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Stevens (for Biden) Amendment No. 131, to provide funding for the Delaware River Basin Commission and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

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Stevens Amendment No. 224 (to Amendment No. 131), to provide that the Federal representative to the river Basin Commission shall be the Secretary of the Interior or his designee.

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Stevens (for Johnson/Daschle) Amendment No. 70, to provide funds for channel restoration and improvements on the James River in South Dakota.

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Stevens Amendment No. 225 (to Amendment No. 70, to clarify that if the Secretary of the Army determines that the need for such restoration and improvements constitutes an emergency.

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Stevens (for Daschle) Modified Amendment No. 90, to provide funding for the Partners in Wildlife Program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to pay private landowners for the voluntary use of private land to store water in restored wetlands.

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Stevens (for Domenici) Amendment No. 144, to make certain technical amendments with respect to education programs.

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Stevens (for Bumpers) Amendment No. 97, to extend the dredging participation in the Small Business Administration Program Act of 1988.

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Stevens (for Specter) Amendment No. 76, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and disseminate statistically reliable information from milk manufacturing plants on prices received for bulk cheese and to require the Secretary to report to Congress on the rate of reporting compliance.

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Stevens (for Bond) Amendment No. 169, to increase the number of units available for FHA insurance under the HUD/State Housing Finance Agency Risk-Sharing program.

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Stevens (for Conrad) Amendment No. 232, to make an additional \$10,000,000 available for the cost of subsidized guaranteed farm operating loans under Title II, Chapter 1.

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Stevens (for Conrad) Amendment No. 233, to reduce funding for the Emergency Food Assistance

Program commodity purchases to offset emergency disaster funding for subsidized guaranteed farm operating loans and additional funding for flood plain easements. **Pages S4096–97**

Stevens (for Conrad) Amendment No. 234, to provide additional funds to repair damages to waterways and watersheds resulting from flooding.

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Stevens (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 235, to assure sufficient funding for Essential Air Service under the Rural Air Service Survival Act. **Page S4104**

Rejected:

Bumpers Amendment No. 64, to strike section 310, which would block implementation of a Department of Interior policy on rights-of-way on federal land. (By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 59), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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McCain Amendment No. 107, to strike earmarks for unrequested highway and bridge projects, parking garages, and theater restoration. **Pages S4091–93**

Pending:

Reid/Baucus Amendment No. 171, to substitute provisions waiving formal consultation requirements and “takings” liability under the Endangered Species Act for operating and repairing flood control projects damaged by flooding. **Page S4043**

Byrd Amendment No. 59, to strike those provisions providing for continuing appropriations in the absence of regular appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

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Withdrawn:

D’Amato Amendment No. 166, to rescind JOBS funds and extend the transition period for aliens receiving SSI funds. **Pages S4046–48**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 57), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the bill. **Page S4046**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, May 8, 1997.

Appointments:

Senate Arms Control Observer Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to S. Res. 105, adopted April 13, 1989, as amended, by S. Res. 280, adopted October 8, 1994, announced the following appointments to the Senate Arms Control Observer Group: Senators Kerry and Durbin.

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Commission on Maintaining U.S. Nuclear Weapons Expertise: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 104–201,

appointed Charles B. Curtis, of Maryland, to the Commission on Maintaining United States Nuclear Weapons Expertise. **Pages S4131–32**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—59) **Pages S4046, S4068–69**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:02 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 8, 1997. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4132.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on working capital funds and depot operations, receiving testimony from Henry L. Hinton, Assistant Comptroller General for National Security and International Affairs Issues, Jack Brock, Issue Area Director for Defense Information and Financial Management Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, and Julia Denman, Assistant Director for Defense Management Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, all of the General Accounting Office; Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson, Commander, Army Materiel Command; Vice Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments); Gen. Henry Viccaglio, Jr., Commander, United States Air Force, Air Force Materiel Command.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 13.

CANCER RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings to examine the need for increased funding